

organizations such as the United States Naval Academy, the First United Methodist Church, and the Rotary Club. He has spearheaded efforts to support the next generation of warriors, our veterans, and the young people of Texas. His leadership and commitment to excellence exemplify the highest ideals of service.

I commend RADM Maserang's selfless work on behalf of his community and nation. His patriotism, citizenship, and commitment to excellence are unmatched. I join his friends and family in celebrating his outstanding achievements, and I thank him for his service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Commission of Fine Arts District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would prohibit the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) from exercising authority over non-federal property in the District of Columbia.

Under presidential executive orders (EOs) and federal law, the CFA has review authority for D.C.-owned parks and buildings, as well as for certain private land in D.C. Under the relevant EOs, CFA has review authority for the design of D.C.-owned parks and buildings. Under the Shipstead-Luce Act, CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the District "adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance," such as Rock Creek Park and the Potomac riverfront. Under the Old Georgetown Act, the CFA has review authority for the design of private buildings in the part of Georgetown referred to as "Old Georgetown" in the act. The members of the CFA are appointed by the President.

The federal government, including the CFA, has no business in local land-use policies and decisions unrelated to the federal presence. Not only is the federal government's authority over D.C. buildings and private property anti-democratic, it also delays and increases the cost of public and private development in the District.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S 200TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize First United Methodist Church, which is celebrating its 200th year of ministry in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

In 1821, the church opened its doors to the community, then known as "Mount Clemens Methodist Episcopal Church." Throughout its two hundred years, the church has built its reputation as a beloved community institution

in Mount Clemens. Today, First United Methodist describes itself as "a welcoming, accepting, caring, and diverse Christian community." The church celebrates this milestone year under the remarkable leadership of Reverend Dan Hart, Senior Pastor, and Reverend Alicea Williams, Deacon. Reverend Hart and Reverend Williams excel not only in leading engaging worship services, but also in building community programs, directing church outreach and caring for their beautiful congregation.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to the entire First United Methodist Church community as they celebrate two hundred years of ministry and service in Mount Clemens.

IN RECOGNITION OF SGT MICHAEL CARNELL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the military service and philanthropic contributions of Sergeant Michael Carnell. Sergeant Carnell is a wounded warrior, husband and father of three, who has worked tirelessly for veterans' organizations in North Texas and was recently honored with the 2021 Spirit of a Hero Award.

Sergeant Carnell honorably served nine years in the U.S. Marine Corps as an Anti-Tank Assaultman and an Intelligence Specialist, including overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since the end of his active duty in 2007, he has been active in veterans' support organizations such as Carry the Load, Save the Brave, the Adaptive Training Foundation and 22Kill. Through his involvement with 22Kill, he has worked to alleviate the conditions that tragically lead to roughly twenty-two veterans daily resorting to suicide. Sergeant Carnell has raised funds to support veterans' assistance organizations and ardently worked to bolster community awareness of the difficult issues facing veterans.

Sergeant Carnell recently began treatment for Stage IV Colon and Liver Cancer. His efforts on behalf of his fellow veterans has inspired others to provide financial assistance to his family to address his medical expenses. This year, the Spirit of a Hero organization will honor him with a benefit concert, motorcycle ride, and commemorative gala.

I join the community of North Texas in thanking Sergeant Michael Carnell for his service to our country as a soldier and his subsequent service as a private citizen serving his veteran brothers and sisters. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family as he continues his battle against cancer.

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JASON SHAW

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Chief Warrant Offi-

cer 2 Jason Shaw, U.S. Army, Retired for the Congressional Veteran Commendation. His life and career reflect hard work, activism, and dedication to what is best for Central Texas.

CW2 Shaw spent 20 years serving our country, spending time in both Iraq and Afghanistan. As a pilot, he was an invaluable asset to his unit, the task force, and the brigade. His contributions and dedication to our nation cannot be overstated. As a pilot he was invaluable and, at every step along the way, his talents and work ethic were devoted to the protection of our nation.

Upon retirement from the Army, CW2 Shaw committed his energies to community service. He is a Life Member of VFW Post 10472 and is active in the Leander Chamber of Commerce. He has worked tirelessly to ensure residents have a rich quality of life by using his expert knowledge on the city's water supply and infrastructure to ensure the long-term growth of the city, which he holds near to his heart. His legacy speaks to the highest values we Texans hold dear.

I proudly join CW2 Jason Shaw's friends, family, and colleagues in saluting his selfless service to the Army and Texas. He is a local treasure, a champion for others, and a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

BIDEN INFLATION TAX

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Sunday with Chris Wallace on Fox News Sunday, House Republican Whip STEVE SCALISE reviewed how Democrats' anti-work policies destroying jobs resulted in September's disastrous jobs reports:

"... look at all the policies under President Biden ... the inflation that we are seeing ... making it easier for people to stay at home ... when every employer ... is looking for workers—and then on top of that the regulations that they keep adding ... going after small businesses, making it harder to keep the supply chain moving."

"We've got a 40 percent increase in gas [prices] at the pump. [The Biden Administration is] begging OPEC to produce more oil while they shut down the spigots in the United States. It makes absolutely no sense."

"Inflation is one of the biggest drivers hurting out economy and hurting middle class families. Frankly, it's a big tax on lower-income families."

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from Afghanistan to American neighborhoods.

CONGRATULATING THE LORIS CIVITAN CLUB

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Loris